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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111)

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, rejecting claims 1-4 and 21.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.